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HEY, SO WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE MIDTERM BREAK?

I WENT TO SEE THE PECASSOS AT THE ART MUSEUM.

I SAW THE ORCHESTRA PERFORM AT THE NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE.

OH, NICE.

TMP

TMP

G'MOR-BINGH!

Heh!

CHAK

HELLO, ANYA! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

LITTLE DID I REALIZE THE ADVENTURE I HAD EMBARKED UPON...

THE TALE YOU SEEK IS A GRAND SAGA SET UPON THE SEA.

IS SHE DOING SOME SORT OF ROLE-PLAY?

PEEK

AH. IS THAT WHAT YOU WISH TO KNOW, MILADY? SO BE IT.

WHOA, YOU LOOK A LITTLE TAN! WHERE'D YOU GO OVER THE BREAK?

...ONTO THE GRANDEST LUXURY LINER IN ALL OF OSTANIA!

GLINT

...WHEN I CROSSED THE GANG-PLANK...

YOU WERE SERIOUSLY ON THAT LEGENDARY SHIP? LIKE, FOR REAL?!

WOW, ANYA, YOU'RE LIKE SOME KIND OF MOVIE STAR!

TMP

NO WAY! DID YOU REALLY ?!

LATER

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!

I'M SO SORRY, ANYA! YOU FORGERS ARE MORE THAN WORTHY TO VISIT MY HOUSE!

Anytime!

SEE? I TOLD YOU ANYA WAS WAY COOLER THAN YOU THOUGHT!

HEH HEH HEH.

PLAN B ACHIEVED. SUPERAGENT ANYA ALWAYS COMPLETES HER MISSION.

HUH?!

You had me going there.

OH, SO NOTHING SPECIAL, HUH?

IMAGINE TRAVELING THIRD-CLASS AND NOT BEING EMBARRASSED TO SAY IT OUT LOUD.

PFFTTT!

IT WAS OKAY, I GUESS.

YOU MEAN THE *PRINCESS LORELEI*, RIGHT? YEAH, I SAILED ON IT BEFORE SCHOOL STARTED.

The *Princess Laura Bly*, or something...

YOU BET IT WAS SPECIAL! THAT SHIP WAS HUGE!

PAPA AND I STAYED IN A THIRD-CLASS PRISON CELL.

HUH?!

WE STAYED IN THE IMPERIAL SUITE, BUT ALL THE FURNISHINGS SEEMED A LITTLE TACKY TO ME.

HUH?!

SOMETIMES I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR THE PEASANTRY.

FLUSH

SHK

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WE STAYED AT A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL IN BAYAN AND ATE ONE FIVE-STAR MEAL AFTER ANOTHER.

I SPENT THE OTHER DAY IN A HELICOPTER, SOARING THROUGH THE SKIES OF MLÍNK. IT WAS DELIGHTFUL!

I TOLD MY DAD I WANTED TO MEET THE STARLET RACHEL, SO HE GOT HER TO PARTY WITH ME.

OOH. SO WHAT?

IT WAS SO MUCH FUN. THERE WERE LIKE A HUNDRED PEOPLE THERE, AND SHE GAVE ME PRESENTS AND TOLD ME ALL THE BACKSTAGE GOSSIP ABOUT THE SHOW.

SHK SHK SHK

IS SHE THAT PRETTY IN REAL LIFE?

YOU HAVE TO BRING ME NEXT TIME!

WOW, BLACKBELL HEAVY INDUSTRIES IS IN A WHOLE OTHER LEAGUE.

OOH!

OOH!

WHOA. BECKY, THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

CHATTER

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SO TELL US EVERYTHING ABOUT RACHEL!

TEE HEE.

TUNK

HUH?

...THERE WERE LIKE A HUNDRED OF THE MOST INFAMOUS VILLAINS EVER! (EXAGGERATION)

Y-YEAH, BUT ON MY BOAT...

YEAH, TELL US, TELL US!

OOH, WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?

It isn't your boat, Anya.

VILLAINS? LIKE, FROM WHAT SHOW?

FINE. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE ...

INTERNATIONAL MOVIE STARS? FOR REAL?

SOME OF THEM EVEN SEEMED TO BE FROM FOREIGN LANDS!

DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH US! TELL US WHO!

GLINT

...BARTLE-BY!

SICKLY CHAIN...

WHO?!

THERE WAS THWOMP-MAN, WHO COMMANDED ELEPHANTS! (NOT TRUE) AND...SHWOOP-MAN, WHO COULD TELEPORT... (ALSO NOT TRUE)

HUH? UM, WELL ...

UH... WAS ANYONE ELSE THERE?

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LIKE, A STREET PER-FORM-ER?

WHO THE HECK IS THAT?

SO WHAT, YOU GOT ATTACKED BY PIRATES? YOU POOR THING!

BAM

AH HA HA! VILLAINS?!

VIL-LAINS.

NOTORI-OUS VILLAINS.

WERE THEY A CIRCUS TROUPE OR SOMETHING?

OH!

SHE'S JUST MESSING WITH YOU.

PIRATES? I THINK THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE NEWS.

BECAUSE THESE WERE SECRET BAD GUYS EVEN THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.

NO, NO, NO. THEY KEPT IT ALL OFF THE NEWS, YOU SEE.

WHAT A WASTE OF MY TIME TO EVEN ASK.

THAT'S RIGHT. THEY COVERED UP ALL OF THE BAD GUY STUFF THAT HAPPENED ON THE CRUISE!

Uh-oh...

THE OCTO-PEOPLE!!

TWISTED VILLAINS WHO CAME FROM BENEATH THE SEA ITSELF...

TWITCH

LUCKILY, I HEROICALLY STABBED EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM TO DEATH. (WELL, MY MOM DID.)

EEEE!

UH...

AND SO, I FOILED THEIR PLANS AND PROTECTED THE EARTH ...

WHAAAT?! NO WAY! SAMANTHA WAS THERE TOO?!

HUH?!

YOU GOTTA INTRO-DUCE ME TO HER!

OMG! OMG!

SO SPILL ALL THAT HOT GOSSIP YOU HEARD FROM RACHEL!

QUITE THE FABULIST INDEED. IT'S ALMOST IMPRESSIVE, IN A WAY.

WOW. SHE REALLY IS SOMETHING.

HEH HEH!

Octopeople who command elephants...

YEAH. I COULD WATCH THIS ALL DAY.

BAM!

ANYA SAYS SHE SPENT HERS SLAYING THE OCTOPEOPLE!

Wah!

CHAK

ALL RIGHT. TAKE YOUR SEATS.

I TRUST YOU ALL MADE THE MOST OF YOUR MIDTERM BREAK?

SHK
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DID SHE, NOW? GOOD FOR HER.

AH HA HA HA HA HA

RIING

TRUDGE
TRUDGE
TRUDGE

AND IF THAT HELPS YOU BECOME THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.

IT'S HUMAN NATURE TO WANT TO PUFF YOURSELF UP SOMETIMES.

That's what Mom says, anyway.

BECKY ...

LISTEN, ANYA, I TOTALLY GET IT.

WORMP

PAT
PAT

MUTTER

BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO LIE TOO MUCH. OR YOU'LL END UP BECOMING AN OUTCAST LIKE ME.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SOOOO LONG!

AAAAAA

YOR! OH, YOR! IT'S REALLY YOU!

Welcome home.

I'M BACK ...

CHAK

GLUM

WOF!

TMP TMP

HM? IS SOMETHING WRONG, ANYA?

I will cherish it for the rest of my life!

BOING BOING

PERK

SNIFF SNIFF

A little souvenir for you.

MUST HE BE SO LOUD?

SO YOUR CLASSMATES MOCKED YOU FOR FALSELY BOASTING ABOUT YOUR TRIP?

...

I JUST... WANTED ATTEN-TION...

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT ?!

FOR PLAN B'S SAKE!

WHY DID YOU FEEL THE NEED TO LIE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I EVEN CRIED A LITTLE BIT.

They called me a liar.

LYING IS... WRONG.

ER, UM...

YOU SEE...

SHF

A PROPER LIE REQUIRES PLAUSIBLE DETAILS IN ORDER TO BE CONVINCING, AS WELL AS AT LEAST A KERNEL OF TRUTH. WHEN TELLING AN AUDACIOUS FALSEHOOD—

DECEPTION MUST BE PURSUED STRATEGICALLY, AND YOU MUST COMMIT TO IT COMPLETELY. YOU STAKE YOUR VERY LIFE UPON IT!

TELLING CASUAL LIES WHEN-EVER THE IMPULSE STRIKES IS A DANGER-OUS HABIT.

YEAH. LIARS ARE TRASH.

SHF

ME? WELL, YES, I LIE ABOUT WHO I AM, BUT THAT'S FOR YOR'S SAKE! ANYTHING IS RIGHTEOUS IF IT'S FOR YOR!

I DEAL WITH LIARS EVERY DAY, AND THEY'RE WORTHLESS TRASH, THE WHOLE LOT OF 'EM. THEY'RE NOTHING BUT PARASITES EATING AWAY AT OUR NATION!

AND I KNOW YOU'LL GET ALONG BETTER WITH EVERYONE IF YOU'RE HONEST!

Y-YES... YOU SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH YOURSELF JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.

BEING A LIAR DOES SEEM PRETTY ROUGH. I'LL TRY TO STOP.

NOD

SPY×FAMILY